

Hello everyone!

We trust you're all keeping well!

As I write this newsletter to you, I'm sitting in the MAF hangar office looking out at a very quiet hangar floor. For the first time in months, we only have one aircraft in for maintenance; so while a couple of the engineers work on that, the rest of us have a chance to catch up on admin and all the other things that tend to pile up when you're busy working!

I have just come back from a trip to N'Djamena in Chad where I went for two weeks to help with a maintenance check on their C208 Caravan. It was really interesting to experience another African culture and see how MAF works in another place. I enjoyed using some of my high school French to try and communicate with the local staff and trying some local food, including Camel (which tastes like slightly chewy beef, but very tasty)!



The MAF Chad hangar

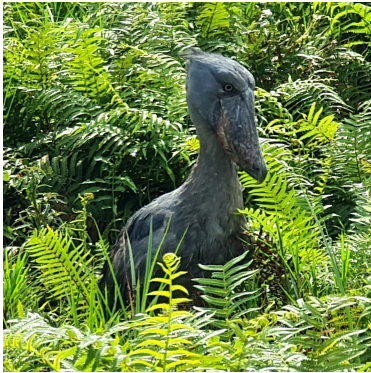


A Camel lunch with the MAF Chad team

We would appreciate your prayers for the Chad program, they are having a tough time at the moment as they don't have an onsite engineer, which makes keeping the aircraft flying difficult. Also, because the USA have stopped issuing visas to Chadians, the Chad government has also now stopped issuing visas to Americans. This means that because lots of the missionaries that are working in Chad come from the USA, they are having to return to the US when their visas run out. This has a knock-on effect to the amount of flying MAF are doing, as the need for people to travel is reducing. Please pray that Chad would start to renew missionary's visas and the people of Chad would continue to receive the help they need.

At home we have also enjoyed having both Steph's and my parents visiting us over the summer. We have been able to spend some quality time catching up with them and also taking some trips out to see new parts of Uganda, which has been great.

On one of the trips, we went to see a very rare bird that lives in the swamps around Lake Victoria called a Shoebill Stork. This pre-historic looking bird is difficult to find, but we were very lucky to get close to one using some small boats!



Shoebill Stork



Lastly, as I have mentioned in previous emails, we are waiting for our new amphibious float plane to arrive in Uganda. We recently received this photo of the aircraft which has now been painted in MAF colours and will soon finish its final maintenance check before it makes the long flight from the USA to Uganda via Europe. Thank you once again for all your continued support!



Mark & Steph

Prayer Points

Please pray that:

- God would provide MAF Chad with a new Chief Engineer that would allow them to continue to support their partners across the country.
- That the Chadian government would allow US missionary's to remain in the country and provide the much needed support that they provide the isolated people across Chad.

Praise God

Give thanks for:

- A safe and productive trip to Chad for Mark.
- Quality time with family over this summer holiday.